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1. DRAFT OF JOINT PRESS RELEASE AS FOLLOWS:

"THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 23-25, 1975 TO REVIEW THE BROAD SCOPE OF ON-GOING BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS DURING THE RECENT SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND UNITED STATES PRESIDENT FORD, THE TWO DELEGATIONS FOCUSED SPECIAL ATTENTION ON INCREASED COLLABORATION IN CANCER RESEARCH. DURING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, IT WAS AGREED THAT SUCH ENHANCED COOPERATION WOULD LEAD TO PERIODIC MEETINGS, INTENSIFIED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND JOINT ACTION. A MEETING WILL BE HELD THIS SPRING
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TO DISCUSS THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT

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BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES.

DURING THE REVIEW, MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH DR. H. GUYFORD STEVER, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION; DR. DIXY LEE RAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS; DR. FRANK RAUSCHER, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER AGENCIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT REVIEW MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN PARIS IN THE FALL OF 1975.

PROFESSOR HUBERT CURIEN, DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL DELEGATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (DGRST), HEADED THE FRENCH DELEGATION. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY XAVIER DE NAZELLE, DIRECTOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; CHARLES MAISONNIER, COUNSELOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SCIENCE BUREAU, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; AND MICHEL PEISSIK, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, DGRST. THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM REVIEW WERE LED BY DR. ALLEN V. ASTIN, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, U.S. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS AND U.S. COORDINATOR OF THE U.S.-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM.

THE U.S. FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 BY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRENCH MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR. COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS IN SUCH FIELDS AS OCEANOGRAPHY, SPACE, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE INVOLVE OVER 15 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. PROJECTS IN ENERGY CONSERVATION, IMPROVEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL WORKING CONDITIONS, RECYCLING OF WASTE PRODUCTS AND INCREASED UNIVERSITY TO UNIVERSITY COOPERATION WERE IDENTIFIED IN THIS YEAR'S MEETING AS AREAS OF FUTURE COOPERATION."
2. CHECK PEISSIK FOR EXACT FRENCH RELEASE TIME.

3. REPORT OF MEETING WILL FOLLOW. KISSINGER
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